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### **9/11 Commissioner to Hold Public Meeting at Carter Presidential Library**

*Commissioner Timothy Roemer to Discuss Commission's Findings and Recommendations*

**ATLANTA, GA.** - The Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum will host a public meeting on the 9/11 Commission Report at 3:00 pm, Tuesday, August 10, 2004. Commission member Timothy Roemer will discuss the group's investigation into the 2001 attacks, as well as its recommendations. The meeting will be held in the Cyprus Room of the Carter Presidential Center, 453 Freedom Parkway, Atlanta, GA.

Members of the bipartisan commission are holding public meetings nationwide to generate pressure on the government to, in Commissioner Roemer's words, "not only read the report, but implement it."

The National Commission on Terrorist Attacks upon the United States (known as the 9/11 Commission) issued its report on July 22<sup>nd</sup> after a twenty month-long investigation. The panel found "across the government, there were failures of imagination, policy, capabilities, and management."

The Commission determined that U.S. leaders did not understand "the gravity of the threat" from Osama bin Laden and al Qaeda, adding, "Terrorism was not the overriding national security concern for the U.S. government under either the Clinton or the pre-9/11 Bush administration." The investigation found "missed opportunities to thwart the 9/11 plot."

The panel stated, "we believe we are safer today. But we are not safe." The 587 page report calls for a strategy to "attack terrorists and their organizations", "prevent the continued growth of Islamist terrorism", and "protect against and prepare for terrorist attacks."

The Commission issued 37 recommendations. Among the recommendations are (1) link intelligence and operational planning in a new National Counterterrorism Center; (2) create national intelligence centers and an office of National Intelligence Director; (3) encourage information sharing throughout government through decentralized networks; (4) centralize and strengthen Congressional oversight of intelligence and homeland security issues; and (5) strengthen the national security workforce within the FBI and clarify the missions of the departments of Defense and Homeland Security.

During the 45-minute public meeting in Atlanta, Commissioner Roemer will discuss those recommendations and respond to questions. Roemer is president of the Center for National Policy (CNP) and a distinguished scholar at the Mercatus Center at George Mason University, a non-profit research and educational institution dedicated to improving public policy outcomes. A former Congressman from Indiana, Roemer was the key author of the legislation in the House of Representatives to establish the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks upon the United States.

Additional information about the 9/11 Commission and a copy of the complete Final Report are available at [www.9-11commission.gov](http://www.9-11commission.gov).

**Editors Note: Media requests for an interview with Commissioner Roemer should be made to Craig Brownstein at 202-326-1799 or [Craig.Brownstein@edelman.com](mailto:Craig.Brownstein@edelman.com)**